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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS,
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May 29 and 30. Informal receptions to visitors.

Monday, May 31. International day. Morning: Business Meetings. Afternoon: Ceremonial of Greetings and Admission of New Members. Reports from Affiliated Countries.

Tuesday, June 1. Opening of Congress. General Program Morning and Afternoon—Section Meetings. State Registration and Allied Subjects.

Tuesday Evening. Public Meeting in San Francisco, on Training School questions.

Wednesday, June 2. Education Day. Morning: Section Meetings. Afternoon: Outdoor Meeting in the Berkeley Greek Theatre. Presentation of gifts to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Chair of Nursing and Health.

Thursday, June 3. Public Health Nursing Day. General and Section Meetings.

Thursday Evening. Banquet.

Friday, June 4. Morning Sessions: General Program.

Friday Afternoon and Saturday. Sight-Seeing Visits.

A special train will carry delegates and visitors from New York to and from San Francisco, visiting the chief places of interest on the way.

ITEMS

A great victory was scored for the British nurses who are working for registration, when, on the first reading of their bill in the House of Commons early in March, it received a majority of 229 votes. However, the second and third readings are still to come. The bill was introduced by Dr. W. A. Chapple, M. P., who made an admirable speech in its behalf. Mrs. Fenwick has been working night and day for it.

Sister Agnes Karll writes to the *British Journal of Nursing* that there are twenty nurses at the College in Leipsic this winter, and that Sister Agnes Meyer, who has just returned from a fifteen months' visit to

America, where she has worked with Miss Maxwell at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, and Miss Sara Parsons at the Massachusetts General, and taken various courses at Teachers' College with Miss Nutting, has been giving a course of lectures. Sister Meyer cannot say enough of all the kindness she has received from her American colleagues, and Sister Karll reports that the instruction she has given to the nurses at Leipsic is a splendid result of her American studies.

COÖPERATION OF NURSES

The Cancer Society has recently made special efforts to enlist the coöperation of nurses and nurses' organizations in its work. It is believed that the instruction of nurses as to the essential facts in regard to cancer, particularly in women, will be of special value in leading to a more general dissemination of information in regard to the symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of this disease and the great importance of early recognition and operation. A circular letter was sent to all nurses' training schools, clubs and settlements in New York City asking that lectures to nurses on this subject be arranged. Favorable responses were received and recently the first of a series of meetings and lectures for nurses was held at the Henry Street Settlement, of which Miss Lillian D. Wald is head worker. About eighty nurses of the settlement staff were present. Another meeting will be held in May for the benefit of the several hundred visiting nurses of the New York City Department of Health.

These facts were submitted by the Cancer Society to the three national nursing organizations recently meeting in joint convention at St. Louis, namely: The American Nurses' Association, The National League of Nursing Education, and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, and the official coöperation of the nursing profession throughout the country is hoped for.